

Amendments to the Claims:

Original Claims 21-24, 36, and 37 are withdrawn without prejudice.

Please cancel Claims 1-4 and Claim 25.

Please amend Claims 5-20 and 26-35 as indicated below.

Please add Claims 38 through 55 as indicated below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 - 4 (Cancelled).

5. (Currently Amended) A computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels by a plurality of respective users using a plurality of carriers, wherein each respective user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective set of computer software installed on each a-respective remote user client computer device, wherein each respective set of computer software used to access the computer system is adapted to retrieve and render hyper-media content from one or more server computers available over the communications network, said computer system programmed to:

in response to a shipping request by a particular respective user accessing the computer system using a particular respective set of computer software installed on a particular respective remote user client computer device, generate an electronic representation of a shipping label, wherein said electronic representation of the shipping label comprises an electronic representation of bearing a dimensionally accurate symbology adapted for dimensionally accurate

display on a display device configured with the particular respective remote user client computer device, wherein said electronic representation of the shipping label is formatted in a format according to a set of formatting rules for a particular service offered by a particular carrier according to a selection by [a]the particular respective user of one service of a plurality of services offered by one carrier of [a]the plurality of carriers.

6. (Currently Amended) A computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels by a plurality of respective users using a plurality of carriers, wherein each respective user accesses the computer system over a ~~global~~ communications network using a respective set of computer software installed on each a-respective remote user client computer device, wherein each respective set of computer software used to access the computer system is adapted to retrieve and render hyper-media content from one or more server computers available over the communications network, said computer system programmed to:

create a shipping label image bearing a dimensionally accurate symbology for display on a display device configured with a particular respective remote user client computer device used by a particular respective user for shipping a particular respective parcel, wherein said shipping label image is created in a format according to a set of formatting rules for a particular service offered by a particular carrier according to a selection by the particular respective user of one service of a plurality of services offered by one carrier of the plurality of carriers, and wherein said shipping label image is created according to a set of graphic resolution characteristics corresponding to the display device configured with the particular respective remote user client computer device.

7. (Currently Amended) A computer system for printing dimensionally accurate shipping label symbologies on any remote printer of a plurality of remote printers, wherein each respective remote printer is configured with a respective remote client computer, wherein each user of each respective remote client computer accesses the computer system using browser software installed

on the respective remote client computer over a ~~global~~ communications network, said computer system programmed to:

send a test image to a particular respective remote client computer used by a particular respective user;

recognize a set of graphic resolution characteristics corresponding to a particular respective display laser printer device configured with the particular respective remote user-client computer device; and

generate an image to be printed, for display on [a]the particular respective display device configured with the particular respective remote user-client computer device, wherein said image comprises ~~with~~ graphic characteristics consistent with the set of graphic resolution characteristics corresponding to the particular respective display laser printer device configured with the particular respective remote user-client computer device.

8. (Currently Amended) A computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels by a plurality of users using a plurality of carriers, wherein each respective user accesses the computer system over a ~~global~~ communications network using browser software installed on a respective remote client computer device, said computer system programmed to:

in response to a request by a particular user of the plurality of users to ship a particular parcel, generate a shipping label for shipping [a]the particular parcel in accordance with a selection by [one]the particular user of one calculated shipping rate of a plurality of calculated shipping rates, wherein the selected calculated shipping rate corresponds to one service of a plurality of services offered by one carrier of [a]the plurality of carriers, and wherein said shipping label is generated in a format according to a set of requirements by the particular carrier that corresponds to the selected calculated shipping rate, and according to a set of image resolution characteristics for a display device configured with a respective remote client computer device used by the particular user.

9. (Currently Amended) The computer system of Claim 8, said computer

system further programmed to:

transmit graphically size the generated shipping label to the respective remote client computer device for printing on a according to a printer resolution of a printing device configured with the respective remote client computer device of the particular user.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer system for printing dimensionally accurate shipping label symbologies on any remote printing device of a plurality of remote print[ers]ing devices, wherein each remote print[er]ing device is configured with a respective remote client computer, wherein each user of each respective remote client computer accesses the computer system over a global communications network using browser software installed in the respective remote client computer, said computer system programmed to:

graphically size a shipping label symbology to be printed on a particular remote printing device configured with a particular respective remote client computer according to a printer at least one image resolution characteristic of [the]a remote printing display device configured with the particular respective remote client computer.

11. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for interfacing the computer system with a plurality of remote printer devices, wherein each remote printer device is configured with at least one remote user client computer device[s], said method comprising:

recognizing, in response to a particular user of a plurality of users using a particular remote user client computer device to print a shipping label for shipping a particular parcel using a particular carrier from a plurality of carriers, a set of graphic resolution characteristics of a display printer device configured with the particular remote user client computer device, wherein each the particular user accesses the computer system to print the shipping label over a global communications network using computer software installed on the particular a remote user client computer device, wherein the computer software used to access the computer system is adapted to retrieve and render hyper-media

content from one or more server computers available over the communications network, each remote user client computer device having an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 11, said method further comprising:

creating a shipping label image bearing a dimensionally accurate symbology for display on [a]the display device configured with the particular remote user client computer device for printing on the particular a printer device configured with the particular remote user client computer device.

13. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 12, wherein said particular printer device configured with the particular remote user client computer device is a laser printer device.

14. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 12, said method further comprising:

generating the shipping label bearing a dimensionally accurate symbology in a form according to a set of rules for a particular service offered by a particular carrier according to a selection by [a]the particular user of one service of a plurality of services offered by ~~one of a plurality of carriers~~ the particular carrier.

15. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels by a plurality of respective users using a plurality of carriers, wherein each respective user accesses the computer system over a ~~global communications network~~ using a respective set of computer software installed on each a respective remote user client computer device, wherein each respective set of computer software used to access the computer system is adapted to retrieve and render hyper-media content from one or more server computers available over the communications network, said method comprising:

in response to a shipping request by a particular respective user accessing the computer system using a particular respective set of computer

software installed on a particular respective remote user client computer device,
generating an electronic representation of a shipping label, wherein said
electronic representation of the shipping label comprises an electronic
representation of bearing a dimensionally accurate symbology adapted for
dimensionally accurate display on a display device configured with the particular
respective remote user client computer device, wherein said electronic
representation of the shipping label is formatted in a format according to a set of
formatting rules for a particular service offered by a particular carrier according to
a selection by [a]the particular respective user of one service of a plurality of
services offered by one carrier of [a]the plurality of carriers.

16. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels by a plurality of respective users using a plurality of carriers, wherein each respective user accesses the computer system over a ~~global~~ communications network using a respective set of computer software installed on each a-respective remote user client computer device, wherein each
respective set of computer software used to access the computer system is
adapted to retrieve and render hyper-media content from one or more server
computers available over the communications network, said method comprising:

creating a shipping label image bearing a dimensionally accurate symbology for display on a display device configured with a particular respective remote user client computer device used by a particular respective user for shipping a particular respective parcel, wherein said shipping label image is created in a format according to a set of formatting rules for a particular service offered by a particular carrier according to a selection by the particular respective user of one service of a plurality of services offered by one carrier of the plurality of carriers, and wherein said shipping label image is created according to a set of graphic resolution characteristics corresponding to the display device configured with the particular respective remote user client computer device.

17. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for printing dimensionally accurate shipping label symbologies on any remote printer of a

plurality of remote printers, wherein each respective remote printer is configured with a respective remote client computer, wherein each user of each respective remote client computer accesses the computer system using browser software installed on the respective remote client computer over a ~~global~~ communications network, said method comprising:

 sending a test image to a particular respective remote client computer used by a particular respective user, wherein the particular respective remote client computer is configured with a browser;

 recognizing a set of graphic resolution characteristics corresponding to a particular respective display laser printer device configured with the particular respective remote user-client computer device; and

 generating an image to be printed, for display in the browser, with graphic characteristics consistent with the set of graphic resolution characteristics corresponding to the particular respective display laser printer device configured with the particular respective remote user client computer device.

18. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels by a plurality of users using a plurality of carriers, wherein each respective user accesses the computer system over a ~~global~~ communications network using browser software installed on a respective remote client computer device, said method comprising:

in response to a request by a particular user of the plurality of users to ship a particular parcel, generating a shipping label for shipping [a]the particular parcel in accordance with a selection by [one]the particular user of one calculated shipping rate of a plurality of calculated shipping rates, wherein the selected calculated shipping rate corresponds to one service of a plurality of services offered by one carrier of [a]the plurality of carriers, and wherein said shipping label is generated in a format according to a set of requirements by the particular carrier that corresponds to the selected calculated shipping rate, and according to a set of image resolution characteristics for a display device configured with a respective remote client computer device used by the particular user.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 18, said method further comprising:

transmitting graphically sizing the generated shipping label to the respective remote client computer device used by the particular user, for printing on a according to a printer resolution of a printing device configured with the respective remote client computer device of the particular user.

20. (Currently Amended) A method using a computer system for printing dimensionally accurate shipping label symbologies on any remote printing device of a plurality of remote print[ers]ing devices, wherein each remote print[er]ing device is configured with a respective remote client computer, wherein each user of each respective remote client computer accesses the computer system over a global communications network using browser software installed in the respective remote client computer, said method comprising:

graphically sizing a shipping label symbology to be printed on a particular remote printing device configured with a particular respective remote client computer according to a printer at least one image resolution characteristic of [the]a remote printing display device configured with the particular respective remote client computer.

21. (Withdrawn) A method using a computer for printing on any one of a plurality of client printers a dimensionally accurate print image of a source image, wherein each client printer is configured with a client computer device, and wherein the client computer device is configured with a display device, wherein the computer communicates with each client computer device over a global communications network, the method comprising:

creating a graphic element with a fixed width;

creating a scalable character string that fits within a display of the graphic element as a single line in a particular display device resolution;

displaying on the display device the scalable character string inside the display of the graphic element;

determining a configured display resolution of the display device;
generating an image in a size that is printable by the web browser.

22. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 21 wherein the scalable character string comprises one or more characters having a particular font face and a particular font size.

23. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 22 wherein the graphic element is a Hypertext Markup Language table cell.

24. (Withdrawn) The method of Claim 23 wherein the configured display resolution is measured in dots per inch.

25. (Cancelled).

26. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for interfacing the computer system with a plurality of remote printer devices, wherein each remote printer device is configured with at least one remote user client computer device[s], the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for recognizing, in response to a particular user of a plurality of users using a particular remote user client computer device to print a shipping label for shipping a particular parcel using a particular carrier from a plurality of carriers, a set of graphic resolution characteristics of a display printer device configured with the particular remote user client computer device, wherein ~~each~~ the particular user accesses the computer system to print the shipping label over a ~~global~~-communications network using computer software installed on the particular a-remote user client computer device, wherein the computer software used to access the computer system is adapted to retrieve and render hyper-media content from one or more server computers available over the communications network, ~~each remote user client computer device having an individual electronic connection to the global communications network.~~

27. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 26, said computer program product further comprising:

a set of program instructions for creating a shipping label image bearing a dimensionally accurate symbology for display on [a]the display device configured with [a]the particular remote user client computer device used by a particular user for shipping a particular parcel in a format according to a set of formatting rules for a particular service offered by [a]the particular carrier according to a selection by the particular user of one service of a plurality of services offered by one of the plurality of the particular carrier[s].

28. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 27, wherein said particular remote printer device is a laser printer device said shipping label image is created for printing on a printer device configured with the particular remote user client computer device.

29. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 27, said computer program product further comprising:

a set of program instructions for generating the shipping label image bearing a dimensionally accurate symbology for printing on a printer device configured with the particular remote user client computer device, wherein said shipping label image is generated in a form according to a set of rules for a particular service offered by [a]the particular carrier according to a selection by [a]the particular user of one service of a plurality of services offered by one of the plurality of the particular carrier[s].

30. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels by a plurality of respective users using a plurality of carriers, wherein each respective user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective set of computer software installed on each a-respective remote user client computer device, wherein each

respective set of computer software used to access the computer system is adapted to retrieve and render hyper-media content from one or more server computers available over the communications network, the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for generating, in response to a shipping request by a particular respective user accessing the computer system using a particular respective set of computer software installed on a particular respective remote user client computer device, an electronic representation of a shipping label, wherein said electronic representation of the shipping label comprises an electronic representation of bearing a dimensionally accurate symbology adapted for dimensionally accurate display on a display device configured with the particular respective remote user client computer device, wherein said electronic representation of the shipping label is formatted in a format according to a set of formatting rules for a particular service offered by a particular carrier according to a selection by [a]the particular respective user of one service of a plurality of services offered by one carrier of [a]the plurality of carriers.

31. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels by a plurality of respective users using a plurality of carriers, wherein each respective user accesses the computer system over a global communications network using a respective set of computer software installed on each a-respective remote user client computer device, wherein each respective set of computer software used to access the computer system is adapted to retrieve and render hyper-media content from one or more server computers available over the communications network, the computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for creating a shipping label image bearing a dimensionally accurate symbology for display on a display device configured with a particular respective remote user client computer device used by a particular respective user for shipping a particular respective parcel, wherein said shipping label image is created in a format according to a set of formatting rules for a

particular service offered by a particular carrier according to a selection by the particular respective user of one service of a plurality of services offered by one carrier of the plurality of carriers, and wherein said shipping label image is created according to a set of graphic resolution characteristics corresponding to the display device configured with the particular respective remote user client computer device.

32. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for printing dimensionally accurate shipping label symbologies on any remote printer of a plurality of remote printers, wherein each respective remote printer is configured with a respective remote client computer, wherein each user of each respective remote client computer accesses the computer system using browser software installed on the respective remote client computer over a ~~global~~-communications network, the computer program product comprising:

- a set of program instructions for sending a test image to a particular respective remote client computer used by a particular respective user, wherein the particular respective remote client computer is configured with a browser;

- a set of program instructions for recognizing a set of graphic resolution characteristics corresponding to a particular respective display laser printer device configured with the particular respective remote ~~user~~-client computer device; and

- a set of program instructions for generating an image to be printed, for display in the browser, with graphic characteristics consistent with the set of graphic resolution characteristics corresponding to the particular respective display laser printer device configured with the particular respective remote user client computer device.

33. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for managing shipping of a plurality of parcels by a plurality of users using a plurality of carriers, wherein each respective user accesses the computer system over a ~~global~~

communications network using browser software installed on a respective remote client computer device, said computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for generating, in response to a request by a particular user of the plurality of users to ship a particular parcel, a shipping label for shipping [a]the particular parcel in accordance with a selection by [one]the particular user of one calculated shipping rate of a plurality of calculated shipping rates, wherein the selected calculated shipping rate corresponds to one service of a plurality of services offered by one carrier of [a]the plurality of carriers, and wherein said shipping label is generated in a format according to a set of requirements by the particular carrier that corresponds to the selected calculated shipping rate, and according to a set of image resolution characteristics for a display device configured with a respective remote client computer device used by the particular user.

34. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of Claim 33, said computer program product further comprising:

a set of program instructions for transmitting graphically-sizing the generated shipping label to the respective remote client computer device used by the particular user, for printing on a ~~according to a printer resolution of a printing device configured with the~~ respective remote client computer device of the particular user.

35. (Currently Amended) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for printing dimensionally accurate shipping label symbologies on any remote printing device of a plurality of remote print[ers]ing devices, wherein each remote print[er]ing device is configured with a respective remote client computer, wherein each user of each respective remote client computer accesses the computer system over a ~~global-communications network~~ using browser software installed in the respective remote client computer, said computer program product comprising:

a set of program instructions for graphically size a shipping label symbology to be printed on a particular remote printing device configured with a

particular respective remote client computer according to a printer at least one image resolution characteristic of [the] a remote printing display device configured with the particular respective remote client computer.

36. (Withdrawn) A computer program product embodying computer program instructions for execution by a computer system for printing on any one of a plurality of client printers a dimensionally accurate print image of a shipping label source image, wherein each client printer is configured with a client computer device, and wherein the client computer device is configured with a display device, a web browser, and a configured display resolution, wherein the computer communicates with each client computer device over a global communications network, the computer program product comprising:
- a set of program instructions for creating a graphic element with a fixed width;
 - a set of program instructions for creating a scalable character string that fits within a display of the graphic element as a single line in a particular display device resolution;
 - a set of program instructions for displaying on the display device the scalable character string inside the display of the graphic element;
 - a set of program instructions for determining a configured display resolution of the display device;
 - a set of program instructions for generating an image in a size that is printable by the web browser.

37. (Withdrawn) The computer program product of Claim 36 wherein the scalable character string comprises one or more characters having a particular font face and a particular font size.

38. (New) A shipping management system comprising:
- a server portion, said server portion being is configured for:

receiving, via a global communications network, a request from a client computer to print a shipping label, said client computer being geographically remote from said server portion; and

in response to receiving said request, identifying a set of graphic resolution characteristics of a display device associated with said client computer.

39. (New) The shipping management computer system of Claim 38, wherein:
said client computer is a first client computer;
said request is a first request;
said set of graphic resolution characteristics is a first set of graphic resolution characteristics;

said shipping label is a first shipping label; and

said server portion is further configured for:

receiving a second request from a second client computer, via said global communications network, to print a second shipping label, said second client computer being geographically remote from both said server portion and said first client computer; and

in response to receiving said second request, identifying a second set of graphic resolution characteristics, said second set of graphic resolution characteristics being associated with a display device that is associated with said second client computer.

40. (New) The shipping management computer system of Claim 38, wherein said server portion is configured to execute said step of identifying a set of graphic resolution characteristics associated with said client computer by:

transmitting a test image to said client computer for display on said display device;

receiving test image response data from said client computer, said test image response data comprising test image information entered by a user of said client computer in response to said user viewing said test image on said display device; and

using said test image response data to identify said set of graphic resolution characteristics of said display device.

41. (New) The shipping management computer system of Claim 40, wherein said test image information corresponds to an appearance of said test image on said display device.

42. (New) The shipping management computer system of Claim 41, wherein said test image information corresponds to whether said test image was displayed on a predetermined number of lines of said display device.

43. (New) The shipping management computer system of Claim 38, wherein the request is received by the server portion via a web browser installed on the client computer.

44. (New) A method of printing a particular image, said method comprising the steps of:

transmitting a test image, via a global communications network, from one or more server computers to a client computer for display, as a displayed version of said test image, on a display device associated with said client computer, said test image being a test version of said particular image;

receiving, via said global communications network, graphic resolution data from said client computer, said graphic resolution data indicating one or more graphic resolution characteristics of said displayed version of said test image; and

in response to receiving said graphic resolution data, using said graphic resolution data to determine a particular remote image resolution for printing said particular image on a printer associated with said client computer.

45. (New) The method of Claim 44, wherein said particular image is a shipping label.

46. (New) The method of Claim 44, wherein said graphic resolution data comprises data that has been entered by a user in response to viewing said displayed version of said test image.

47. (New) The method of Claim 46, wherein said graphic resolution data comprises data indicating whether said displayed version of said test image is displayed on said display device in a pre-determined format.

48. (New) The method of Claim 47, wherein said graphic resolution data comprises data indicating whether said displayed version of said test image is displayed on said display device a pre-determined number of lines of said display device.

49. (New) The method of Claim 44, further comprising the step of, in response to receiving said graphic resolution data, using said one or more server computers to set a remote image resolution associated with said client computer according to said particular remote image resolution.

50. (New) The method of Claim 49, wherein said step of using said one or more server computers to set a remote image resolution is performed via a global communications network.

51. (New) The method of Claim 44, wherein said step of receiving graphic resolution data is performed by said one or more server computers.

52. (New) The method of Claim 51, wherein said step of using said graphic resolution data is performed by said one or more server computers.

53. (New) The method of Claim 44, wherein said step of using said graphic resolution data is performed by said one or more server computers.

54. (New) The method of Claim 44, wherein said client computer is geographically remote from said one or more sever computers.

55. (New) The method of Claim 44, wherein the test image is transmitted to the client computer for display via a web browser installed on the client computer on the display device associated with the client computer.